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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA: PREPARATORY MEETING:  
MARCH 30

1. UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM MET SEPARATELY MARCH 30 WITH GREEK CYPRIOT AND TURKISH CYPRIOT REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS MANNER IN WHICH INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE CONDUCTED. ACCORDING TO UN UNDERSECRETARY GENERAL URGUHART, WHO WAS PRESENT AT THE TWO MEETINGS, BOTH SESSIONS WENT EXCEEDINGLY SMOOTHLY. NEITHER GREEK-CYPRIOT LEADER PAPADOPOULOS NOR TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER ONAN RAISED OBJECTIONS TO ANY SUGGESTIONS MADE BY WALDHEIM, AND BOTH PLEDGED TO COOPERATE IN INSURING THAT CONCRETE DISCUSSIONS TAKE PLACE AND MAXIMUM PROGRESS IS REGISTERED BETWEEN MARCH 31 AND APRIL 7.

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2. AGREEMENT WAS QUICKLY REACHED THAT NEGOTIATIONS WOULD COMMENCE WITH A BRIEF PUBLIC SESSION ON MARCH 31 AT WHICH WALDHEIM WOULD MAKE AN OPENING STATEMENT. THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD THEN BE CLOSED TO THE PRESS SO THAT ONAN AND PAPADOPOULOS COULD IN TURN OUTLINE THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS. IT WOULD BE AT THIS POINT THAT URGUHART THOUGHT THE TWO SIDES WOULD PUT THEIR CONCRETE PROPOSALS

ON THE TABLE, A PROCESS THAT WILL PRESUMABLY TAKE THE  
REMAINDER OF THE AFTERNOON. THE PARTIES WILL RESUME  
DISCUSSION AT A WORKING DINNER MARCH 31, AND THEN DISCUSS  
ALTERNATELY, THE TERRITORIAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES  
IN SUBSEQUENT MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS ON APRIL 1  
AND APRIL 2.

3. URQUHART SAID WALDHEIM INTENDED TO PRESIDE UNTIL  
MIDDAY SATURDAY, BUT WOULD STAY IN VIENNA INTO SUNDAY  
IF HIS PRESENCE SEEMED WARRANTED BY THE NATURE OF THE  
NEGOTIATIONS. THERE WOULD IN ANY EVENT BE NO COMMUNIQUE  
WHEN WALDHEIM DEPARTED, AND THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD  
SIMPLY PICK UP AGAIN ON MONDAY, APRIL 4 WITH AMBASSADOR  
PEREZ DE CUELLAR PRESIDING. THE CONSTITUTIONAL AND  
TERRITORIAL ISSUES WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT ALTERNATE  
MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS FOR AT LEAST THREE FULL  
DAYS.

4. URQUHART SAID THAT WHILE BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT  
FOLLOWING THE VIENNA TALKS THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD RESUME  
IN NICOSIA, THERE WAS STILL UNCERTAINTY AS TO THE EXACT  
DATE. THE GREEK-CYPRIOTS WANTED TO RESUME ON APRIL 20,  
BUT THE TURKISH-CYPRIOTS HAD SUGGESTED WAITING UNTIL  
EARLY MAY. URQUHART THOUGHT THIS MIGHT BE THE  
BEGINNING OF A TURKISH ATTEMPT TO STRETCH OUT THE  
TALKS PAST THE TURKISH ELECTIONS. THIS WAS THE  
ONLY SOUR NOTE IN THE MARCH 30 DISCUSSIONS AND  
URQUHART SAID WALDHEIM WAS GENERALLY ENCOURAGED BY WHAT  
HE SENSED WAS A NEW SPIRIT AMONG THE NEGOTIATORS. MEEHAN  
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